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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 16 FOR THE DEPUTY
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1. PORTUGAL: LEFTISTS LOSE RC POSITIONS

ANTI-COMMUNISTS HAVE WON ALL THREE AIR FORCE POSITIONS
ON THE RESTRUCTURED REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL BEATING THREE
PRO-COMMUNIST CANDIDATES WHO NOW LOSE THEIR SEATS ON THE
COUNCIL. ANTI-COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING A DETERMINED
BID TO WIN IN THE NAVY ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 18, BUT FACE AN UPHILL STRUGGLE AGAINST
ENTRENCHED COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS.
(SEE ITEM 1 OF THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

2. ARGENTINA: INITIAL REACTIONS TO CABINET CHANGES

EMBASSY POLITICAL SOURCES CONTACTED THUS FAR HAVE BEEN

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UNANIMOUS IN PRAISING INTERIM PRESIDENT LUDER'S CABINET
CHANGES:

--THE OUSTER OF DAMASCO AND PRESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SECRETARY GONZALEZ REMOVES THE REMAINING FIGURES WHO MOST OBVIOUSLY EXERCISED POLITICAL POWER THROUGH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH MRS. PERON AND SHIFTS AUTHORITY TO MORE POLITICALLY REPRESENTATIVE FIGURES.

--MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT THAT THE NEW INTERIOR MINISTER ROBLEDO WILL MOVE QUICKLY TO OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES.

LUDER'S DECISIVE ACTION ON HIS FIRST WORKING DAY IN OFFICE IS SEEN AS EVIDENCE THAT HE EITHER INTENDS TO STAY ON LONG BEYOND THE 45-DAY VACATION PERIOD OR INTENDS TO SO RESTRUCTURE THE GOVERNMENT AS TO PLACE MRS. PERON IN A FIGUREHEAD POSITION IF SHE RETURNS.

EGYPT: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ANTI-SOVIET STANCE
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SADAT'S SEPTEMBER 15 SPEECH, WHICH REPEATED THE PATTERN OF PRESIDENTIAL CRITICISM OF THE SOVIETS, CONTINUES TO PERPLEX AND CONCERN SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS IN CAIRO. WHAT MUST BE VEXING TO THE SOVIETS IS THAT A FAVORABLE POPULAR RECEPTION OF THE SPEECH IS CLEAR AND EVIDENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME OBSERVERS ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION THE WISDOM OF SADAT'S APPARENT INTENTION TO USE THE SOVIETS AS A WHIPPING BOY:

--THERE IS AN ADVANTAGE TO EGYPT IN DEVELOPING A BALANCED POLICY BETWEEN THE US AND USSR, BUT TOTALLY ALIENATING THE SOVIETS WOULD FORCE THEM, THE SYRIANS AND THE PALESTINIANS TO CONDUCT A DIVISIVE ANTI-EGYPTIAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

--A CONTINUED SHARPENING OF SADAT'S ANTI-SOVIET ATTITUDE COULD LEAD TO A DECISION BY THE USSR TO CUT
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OFF ALL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP ON WHICH A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF EGYPT'S INDUSTRY IS STILL VERY DEPENDENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE DANGER EXISTS THAT SHOULD THE SOVIETS IN FACT SEVER THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, SADAT COULD LOOK TO THE US TO COME TO THE RESCUE. SADAT IS ALREADY SENDING SIGNALS TO THIS EFFECT. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ANY INTERVENTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

4. JORDAN SEEKS TO MEDIATE EGYPTIAN/SYRIAN DISPUTE

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PRIME MINISTER RIFAI TOLD AMBASSADOR PICKERING THAT BOTH HE AND THE KING ARE CONVINCED IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO PATCH THINGS UP BETWEEN SYRIA AND EGYPT.

--JORDAN'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED SINCE THE RABAT SUMMIT BY SEEKING CLOSER TIES WITH BOTH EGYPT AND SYRIA.

--THE JORDANIANS HAD HOPED TO USE A VISIT, SINCE CANCELLED, BY EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK, TO PROPOSE PLAYING SOME USEFUL ROLE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE RIFAI NEITHER SAID SO NOR ASKED, THERE MAY BE SOME VALUE IN OUR CONVEYING TO THE EGYPTIANS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE JORDANIANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MUBARAK COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLY BEFORE ASAD'S NEXT VISIT.

5. CAGLAYANGIL ON CYPRUS

IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A MEMBER OF THE US PRESS, TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL COMMENTED THAT IF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT SUBSTANTIALLY STRENGTHENS ITS POSITION IN THE OCTOBER BY-ELECTIONS, IT WILL CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MARCH OR APRIL, 1976, AND WILL

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NOT MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS BEFORE THEN.
CAGLAYANGIL ALSO:

--SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT AND RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD INVOLVE RELINQUISHING TERRITORY;

--COMPLAINED ABOUT THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF EVER REACHING AGREEMENT SO LONG AS MAKARIOS PERSISTS IN STIMULATING ANTI-TURKISH RESOLUTIONS AT INTERNATIONAL FORUMS;

--HIT THE ARMS EMBARGO PARTICULARLY HARD AND SAID WHATEVER THE ELECTION OUTCOME, TURKEY CAN DO NOTHING ON CYPRUS UNTIL THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

6. ZAIRE: MOUNTING DISSATISFACTION CONFRONTS MOBUTU

A PRESTIGE ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, DEPRESSED COPPER PRICES, AND GOVERNMENT INSENSITIVITY TO SOCIAL

PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO MOUNTING POPULAR DISCONTENT IN ZAIRE. NOW OPENLY EXPRESSED, THIS DISCONTENT MAY BE COALESCING INTO A FORCE WITH POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FRONTS.

--A SLOW STEADY WORSENING OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR CULMINATED IN A SERIES OF WILDCAT STRIKES, BUT LIBERALIZING MEASURES HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE ANTICIPATED RESULT AND SPORADIC STRIKES CONTINUE.

--POINTLESS CONFLICT WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WITH ITS CONSEQUENT THREAT TO ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HAS OFFENDED A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION, APPROXIMATELY HALF OF WHICH IS CATHOLIC.

--CRITICISM OF THE GOZ, FORMERLY EXPRESSED WITH ONLY THE UTMOST DISCRETION, IS NOW VOICED OPENLY, EVEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MILITARY.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ARE NOW LESS CONFIDENT THAT THE WORSENING SOCIAL-POLITICAL CLIMATE WILL HAVE NO NEAR TERM EFFECT. THE SITUATION SHOULD NOW BE VIEWED NOT ONLY AS A POSSIBLE LIMITATION ON MOBUTU'S FREEDOM OF ACTION IN ANGOLA, BUT WITHIN ZAIRE AS WELL. THE FINAL QUARTER OF 1975 WILL BE A TIME OF TESTING FOR THE GUIDE.

7. CISCO FOUR

CBS' BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT DON WEBSTER INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HE AND A TWO MAN CREW HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TRAVEL TO THE CISCO FOUR'S PLACE OF DETENTION TO INTERVIEW THEM. THE OFFER IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF A VISA FROM THE SUDAN. WEBSTER OFFERED TO INTRODUCE LOCATOR EQUIPMENT INTO THE PLACE OF DETENTION OR TO CONTRIBUTE IN ANY OTHER WAY HE CAN TO USG EFFORTS TO SECURE RELEASE OF THE FOUR.

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